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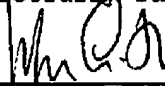
REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 09/06/2002Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the examiner's requirement for restriction, applicant elects the examiner's Group I, claims 1-11, 30 and 31 with traverse.

Applicant traverses the examiner's restriction requirement on the ground that the combination of features specified in claim 20 renders the key structure defined in claim 20 uniquely suitable for use with the lock of claim 1. Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 20 is directed to the same invention as claim 1 and that the requirement for restriction as between claims 1-11, 30 and 31 and claims 20 and 22-27 should be withdrawn. Applicant has previously shown that claim 12 is directed to the same invention as claim 20 and the examiner has implicitly acknowledged this in the Office Action mailed December 4, 2001 by requiring restriction between claims 1-12, 14-20 and 22-27 and claims 28-29. In the circumstances, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction contained in the Office Action mailed September 6, 2002.

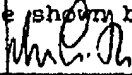
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